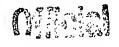
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#### **AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 1, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

### IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the second paragraph beginning at page 1, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Typical band-form member conveying guide rails used in a semiconductor manufacturing apparatus have a structure as shown in Figures 3(a) and 3(b).--

Please replace the fourth paragraph beginning at page 3, line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--A first embodiment of the present invention will be described with reference to Figures and 1(b).--

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### IN THE ABSTRACT:

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Please delete the Abstract at page 7 and substitute therefor: